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THE MPO'S SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM
...recognized by FDOT for a second time

Miami, FL – In 1998, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the agency responsible for the transportation planning process in Miami-Dade County, created a partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), South Florida Commuter Services (SFCS), and VPSI, Inc. to initiate the South Florida Vanpool Program (SFVP).

Jesus Guerra, MPO Transportation Systems Manager, has been chosen, for a second time, by the FDOT as the winner of the 2005 Travel Choices Leadership Award for his leadership in developing and implementing the South Florida Vanpool Marketing Campaign. Mr. Guerra received a plaque signifying his outstanding contributions to the public transportation industry.

“This is a great reflection on the MPO and the dedicated staff we have working for the citizens of Dade County. We are always thinking of ways to contribute to the advancement of the public transportation industry,” stated Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Director.

A vanpool is a group of four to fifteen commuters, who choose to commute together to work in a comfortable, well-equipped van supplied by the SFVP. One member of the group volunteers to be the primary driver of the vanpool and enters into a monthly agreement with the vanpool management company. The monthly agreement is a month to month contract and can be terminated at any time. The only requirement for such termination is a 30-day written notice of termination to the vanpool management company. Currently, there are 147 active vanpool groups traveling within the tri-county area.

If you would like more information on the Vanpool Program please call the MPO at (305) 375-4507 or visit our website www.miamidade.gov/mpo.

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